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1. DRAWING ON INFORMATION RELAYED BY STR TO USEC AND ON
OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL INDUSTRY, I CALLED DAVIGNON,
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, FONMIN, THIS
MORNING TO PROVIDE THE "POLITICAL OIL" HE HAD REQUESTED
IN OUR MEETING OF MAY 17. IN INFORMED HIM THAT ON OUT-
BOARD MOTORS ONE COMPANY, OUTBOARD MARINE, DID NOT
EXPORT TO THE COMMON MARKET WHILE THE
OTHER, MERCURY MARINE, HAS ASSURED US THAT THE
PROPOSED CUTS WOULD NOT ALTER THEIR PRODUCTION PLANS
IN BELGIUM. ON THE DUMPERS AND SCRAPERS I TOLD
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DAVIGNON THAT WE WERE INFORMED BY MR. BECHTOLD OF

WABCO THAT THE CUTS PRESENTLY BEING PROPOSED WOULD NOT CHANGE WABCO'S BELGIAN PRODUCTION PLANS OR LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT.

2. VAVIGNON THANKED ME AND SAID THAT THIS WAS JUST WHAT HE HAD NEEDED FROM US.

3. AFTER MY CONVERSATION WITH DAVIGNON WE RECEIVED A CONFIRMATORY TELEGRAM FROM BECHTOLD STATING THAT WABCO WILL NOT BE MATERIALLY AFFECTED BY THE PROJECTED CUTS AND THAT, THEREFORE, EMPLOYMENT LEVELS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN AS THEY ARE. WE HAVE PASSED THIS INFORMATION ON TO DAVIGNON'S OFFICE.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO MY TALK WITH DAVIGNON, HE TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR GREENWALD AND REITERATED HIS THANKS FOR THE STATEMENTS REGARDING THE AMERICAN FIRMS MENTIONED ABOVE. DAVIGNON ALSO ASKED ABOUT SCRAPERS (SEE REFTEL). AMBASSADOR GREENWALD SAID THAT THE WASHINGTON RESPONSE WAS NEGATIVE AND WE HOPE THE ASSURANCES WOULD ALLOW BELGIUM TO GO ALONG WITH THE PACKAGE PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE PERM REPS.

5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH EBERLE/MYERSON TELECON MAY 21, WE ARE TRANSMITTING COMPANY STATEMENTS INFORMALLY TO DAVIGNON ALONG WITH AN EXPRESSION OF OUR HOPE THAT BELGIUM WILL NOW WITHDRAW ITS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED PACKAGE. STRAUZ-HUPE

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